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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
AYAKO KOBAYASHI : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, A.
SERIAL NO: 10/723,603 :
FILED: NOVEMBER 26, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2625
FOR: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS :
THAT CHECKS HARDWARE
RESOURCES BEFORE ACTIVATING
HARDWARE-RELATED PROGRAMS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this paper.